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- 1. THIS RESP NDS TO YOUR PARIS 640 IN HENRY'S ABSENCE.
- 2. YOUR PLANS FOR THE POMPIDOU MEETING SOUND FINE.
- JOU SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT BREZHNEV, IN SPEECH ON MONDAY, MENTIONED THE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT AND SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION COMES OUT FOR OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS TO BECOME PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IN SOME FORM. AT TIME FOR SIGNING LAST SEPTEMBER, SOVIETS WANTED TO ISSUE CALL FOR OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS TO JOIN IN AGREEMENT BUT WE TOLD THEM THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO DISAVOW ANY JOINT OR UNILATERAL APPEAL, AND THAT APPARENTLY DISCOURAGED THE SOVIETS. NOW THAT FRENCH HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE IN MOSCOW, AS REPORTED BY ALPMAND, SOVIETS APPARENTLY FEEL FREE TO PURSUE QUESTION IN PUBLIC. ITS ANTI-CHINESE CHARACTER IS STILL OBVIOUS.
 - 4. BEST REGARDS.

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- 1. As Dr. Kissinger mentioned during the President's visit to the People's Republic of China, he is planning a trip to Japan. It has now been decided that he will visit Japan beginning April 15, 1972 for about three days, and that there will be a low key announcement to this effect on March 29, 1972. This will be an unofficial visit under the auspices of the Japan-U.S. Economic Council, but Dr. Kissinger naturally expects to meet with Japanese government leaders during his stay.
- 2. About one week before its recognition of Bangladesh, which as the Chinese side knows is now planned for the first week in April, the U.S. side will give the Chinese side official notification through the Paris channel.